

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2007, 2:00 P. M.  
Room W135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present:        Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Committee Co-Chair  
                              Rep. Ron Bigelow, Committee Co-Chair  
                              Sen. Curtis Bramble  
                              Sen. Gene Davis  
                              Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
                              Sen. Dan Eastman  
                              Sen. Pat Jones  
                              Sen. Sheldon Killpack  
                              Sen. Ed. Mayne  
                              Pres. John Valentine  
                              Rep. Ralph Becker  
                              Rep. David Clark  
                              Speaker Greg J. Curtis  
                              Rep. Brad Dee  
                              Rep. Brad King  
                              Rep. David Litvack  
                              Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
                              Rep. Gordon Snow

Sen. Peter Knudson, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Becky Lockhart, Vice Chair

Staff Present:        John Massey, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
                              Bonnie Brinton, Secretary  
                              Norda Shepard, Secretary

Speakers Present:     Ted McAleer, USTAR Governing Authority

A list of others present and copies of handouts are on file with the committee minutes.

Committee Co-Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**1.    Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Bigelow moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2007.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Sen. Eastman absent at the time of the vote.

**2. Budget Issues**

Co-Chair Hillyard indicated that the items to be discussed were contained on the salmon colored handout that everyone should have.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Bigelow moved to authorize the appropriation of additional funds for the items listed on the salmon-colored document entitled "Proposed Budget Changes in Addition to 2/23/2007 Items."

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Sen. Eastman absent at the time of the vote.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Bigelow moved to authorize legislative staff to prepare Senate Bill 3, *Appropriations Adjustments*, based upon actions of the Executive Appropriations Committee to date. Staff, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee and bill sponsors, is hereby authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as necessary. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst is authorized to make adjustments between funding sources and fiscal years in order to balance the overall budget.

Sen. Jones asked for a clarification of the \$3,000,000 one-time funding for H.B. 148 Education Vouchers. Co-Chair Bigelow explained this was to keep the bill in harmony with anticipated expenditures into FY 2009.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Sen. Eastman absent at the time of the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. King moved approval of two expansion vehicles for the Western Energy Training Center (WETC) at the College of Eastern Utah.

Rep. King explained that funding for the vehicles will be provided by a federal grant. The vehicles will be listed as "Do Not Replace" vehicles by the Division of Fleet Operations. The Division of Fleet Operations requires legislative approval of fleet expansions.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Bigelow moved to include in S.B. 3 the priority lists for funding of both the Senate and the House.

The motion passed unanimously.

**3. USTAR - Utah Science Technology and Research**

Ted McAleer, Executive Director, USTAR Governing Authority, introduced Jack W. Sunderlage, President/CEO [content] watch, Internet Protection, and presented information on a Proposal for In-Kind Contribution: Building 620 for USTAR Matching Funds. He stated that USTAR legislation requires USU to provide a \$10 million match to a \$60 million USTAR contribution for the construction of the BioInnovations Research Institute (BIRI) Building. Because USU needs immediate space for new USTAR teams, USU proposes to provide existing Building 620 as an in-kind match for the BIRI, with it serving as Phase 1 of the Institute. USTAR funds will be used for Phase 2, to adjoin the existing facility.

Executive Director McAleer stated that the USTAR Governing Authority approved this proposal and urged concurrence of approval for this proposal.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Proposal for In-Kind Contribution of \$10 million Matching Funds from Utah State University for Building 620 for USTAR.

Pres. Valentine spoke in support of the motion, stating that it made sense to be able to build these buildings at a faster rate. He said the first building would be full by the end of summer. He stated his concerns about parking had been eliminated by the purchase of addition ground near the project.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Co-Chair Bigelow moved to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes reported by Bonnie Brinton and Norda Shepard, Committee Secretaries.